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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 Claims 1-38 (Cancelled).
- 1 39. (Currently Amended) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can
- 2 be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:
- 3 (a) a planar polymer matrix formed from a polymer matrix material;
- 4 (b) a reinforcing fiber layer, said reinforcing fibers being embedded in the matrix
- 5 material for reinforcing the matrix; and
- 6 (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing
- fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix material
- 8 surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the particulate
- 9 layer to the reinforcing fiber layer.
- 1 40. (Previously presented) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the
- 2 particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring
- 3 unit.

Claims 41-42 (Cancelled).

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- 1 43. (Currently Amended) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can
- 2 be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:
- 3 (a) a planar <u>polymer</u> matrix formed from a <u>polymer</u> matrix material;
- 4 (b) a layer of reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing
- 5 the matrix;
- 6 (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing
- 7 fibers and is between about one-eighth and about three quarters of one inch thick.
- 8 wherein the matrix material surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for
- 9 mounting the particulate layer to the layer of reinforcing fibers.
- 1 44. (New) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 43, wherein the particulate layer is
- 2 selected from the group of sand, soil, gravel and a combination of sand, soil and gravel.
- 1 45. (New) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 40, wherein the particulate layer is
- 2 selected from the group of sand, soil, gravel and a combination of sand, soil and gravel.